

## 7 Steps to Responsible Giving During a Disaster

Help prevent a disaster within a disaster by encouraging others to donate responsibly in order to best meet the needs of those recovering from a disaster.

1. Give financial contributions
2. Host yard sales to raise money with used clothing and donate the proceeds
3. Confirm the need before donating goods, services, or money
4. Donate through an organization
5. Plan transportation in advance
6. Donations should be new, palletized, labeled, and shrink-wrapped
7. Affiliate with a voluntary agency

### Emergency Numbers

- In –State In Case of Emergency:  
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- Out- of-State In Case of Emergency:  
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- Emergency Management Agency:  
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- Local American Red Cross Chapter:  
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- Police Department:  
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- Fire Department:  
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- Hospital :  
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- Others:  
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# Be Ready Sunday



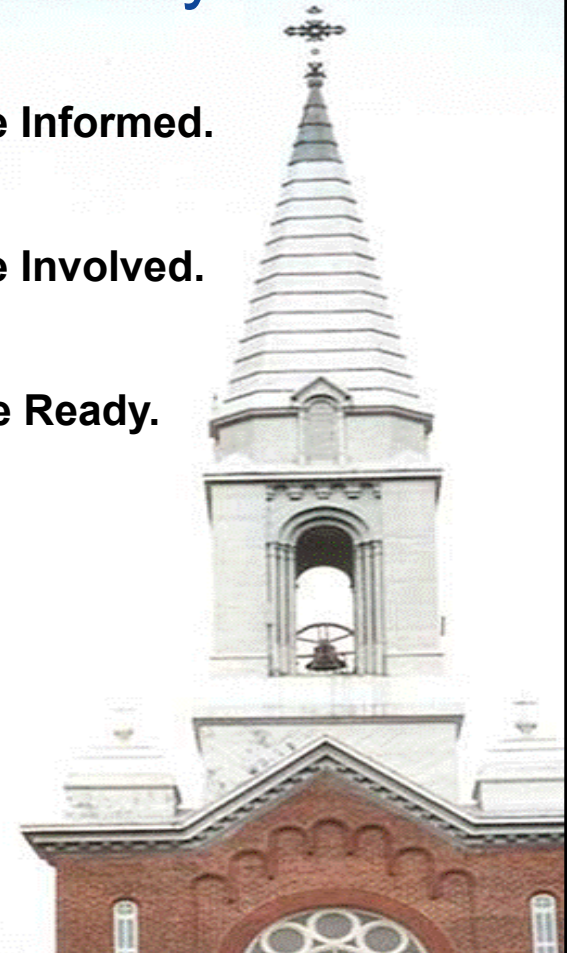
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**Be Involved.**



**Be Ready.**



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## Be Informed.

- **Locate Shelters.**

*Different locations provide shelters for different needs such as pets, medical needs, emergency, and transitional sheltering.*

- **Know Evacuation Routes.**

*A key part of preparing for emergencies and disasters is knowing what you will do if the need arises. Once you have your plan, be sure to practice it and know it.*

- **Listen for Emergency Information.**

*Check with local TV stations, radio stations, and related websites. It's also helpful to have on hand a National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association weather radio or another emergency alert system.*



## Be Involved.

- **Get Trained.**

Are you **CPR/First-Aid** certified? Contact your local American Red Cross to be trained and volunteer.

- **Be a Volunteer.**

Become part of your local **Community Emergency Response Team** (CERT) - Basic disaster and first-responder training you can use to respond effectively to the needs of others in an emergency

Be involved with your Church's Disaster Response Team.

- **Report Suspicious Activity.**

The individual citizen is America's most valuable asset in the war on terror. Protecting homes, houses of worship, neighborhoods, communities, schools, stores, plants, farms, and factories is a shared responsibility. Notify local law enforcement immediately. To report suspicious activity and behavior and call 911.

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## Be Ready.

- **Make a Family Plan**

*Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the event, the first important decision is whether you "Shelter-In-Place" or evacuate. Make sure you have a family communications plan and know your evacuation route!*

- **3-Day Kit Checklist**

*Having a 3-Day Kit ready and packed will help prepare your family in the case of an emergency or evacuation. Keep the following items in a sturdy and easy-to-carry container and make sure it's ready to go at all times during the year:*

- ☐ Copies of important documents in a waterproof container (Photo IDs, proof of residence, insurance, birth certificates, deeds, Social Security Card, etc.)
- ☐ Hygiene kit of toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant, feminine products, shaving supplies, and etcetera
- ☐ Non-expired medication, medical contact information, prescriptions, and first aid kit
- ☐ Extra car and house keys
- ☐ Bottled water (1 gallon per person/day) and non-perishable food (i.e. granola or energy bars)
- ☐ Battery operated radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- ☐ Contact and meeting place information for your household and a small regional map
- ☐ Small denomination cash and ATM cards
- ☐ Comfortable shoes, raingear, and blanket
- ☐ Any special care items

- **Plan for Your Pets**

*Before a disaster research the different shelters that are available in your community where you can place your pets during a disaster. Learn any rules or restrictions that they may have and adjust your Disaster Kit accordingly. Fido needs to Be Ready too!*